

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Tax Preparers (13-2082)

Associated Occupation: Accountants and Auditors (13-2011)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Economics and Accounting	4.4	19.2	17.7	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Mathematics	9.2	13.9	14.9	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Computers and Electronics	8.4	12.5	12.7	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Administration and Management	8.4	12.3	6.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

Focus Occupation: Tax Preparers (13-2082)

Associated Occupation: Accountants and Auditors (13-2011)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Mathematics	6.2	11.8	9.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Analysis	6.5	10.4	6.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Evaluation	6.4	9.4	4.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	7.8	5.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Financial Resources	3.3	6.0	2.8	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97			
Focus Occupation: Tax Preparers (13-2082) Associated Occupation: Accountants and Auditors (13-2011)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Written Comprehension	11.0	14.6	12.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Number Facility	6.3	13.3	10.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	13.2	10.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.0	11.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	12.7	13.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	11.6	9.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.1	9.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Closure	5.9	7.5	5.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96
Focus Occupation: Tax Preparers (13-2082) Associated Occupation: Accountants and Auditors (13-2011)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Compute financial data	53	
Compute taxes	80	
Fill out business or government forms	42	
Follow tax laws or regulations	82	
Interview client to obtain additional tax information	95	
Obtain financial information from individuals	84	
Prepare financial reports	67	
Prepare tax reports	80	
Prepare tax returns	99	
Write business correspondence	58	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 94

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Calculating machines and accessories	3
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Content management software	6
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Information exchange software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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